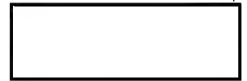


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THE FOREIGN SERVICE
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



United States Embassy,
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada,
November 15, 1961.

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Dear Allen:

On Betty's and my return to Ottawa yesterday noon, I found various missives from you for all of which I thank you.

First of all, I do appreciate your generous willingness to second me for the Century Association. Next, I am most grateful for all you did in connection with my friend [redacted]. Incidentally, I had a nice letter from [redacted] in this connection which predated word from you that [redacted] had been invited to Washington, offered employment, but declined what seemed to me a most generous offer. I am most appreciative of all the time and thought you have given this matter, and I am sure that the fact of the offer itself will fully satisfy [redacted] concerning the government's interest in his personal problem.

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Lastly, I will look forward to your promised later reply on my overload theory.

All the best to you and our love to Clover.

Sincerely,

Vivie

Lawrence T. Merchant

The Honorable
Allen Dulles,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency,
Washington 25, D.C.

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